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G.O. No. 4416

Dated 30-11-47

[Despatch Abstract.]

CINEMATOGRAPH : TAMIL FILM ENTITLED "BUDDHA NANI" : DECLARED UNCERTIFIED IN THE PROVINCE OF MADRAS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Home Department

Letter Ref: No.68032-G/47.6 Dated, the 29th November 1948

From
O. Pulla Reddy, Esq., I.C.S.
Secretary to Government.

To
The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting,
NEW DELHI.

Sir,

CINEMATOGRAPH - Tamil film entitled "Burma Rani" - Exhibition in South India.

In continuation of my letter No. 68032-G/47.2 dated 10th November 1947, I am directed to forward a copy of a letter dated the 20th November 1947 from Messrs. the Modern Theatres Ltd., Salem, who produced the Tamil film entitled "Burma Rani" or Escape" and to request that, in the circumstances explained in their letter, the Government of India may consider the claim of the producers for compensation in view of the fact that the film was produced with the approval of the Government of India.

I am to add that the Madras Government have banned the exhibition of the film in this Province in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 7 (7) of the Cinematograph Act as suggested by the Government of India.

Yours obedient servant,

"d/. Secretary

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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CINEMATOGRAPH - Tamil film entitled "Burma Rani" - Declared uncertified in the Province of Madras.

Home Department.

G.O. (Ms) No. 4415. Dated, the 30th November 1947

~~READ - the following:-~~

ORDER:

The following notification will be published in the Fort St. George Gazette:

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (7) of section 7 of the Cinematrograph Act, 1918 (Central Act II of 1918), His Excellency the Governor of Madras hereby directs that the Tamil film entitled "Burma Rani" or "Escape" produced by the Modern Theateres Ltd., Salem, shall be deemed to be an uncertified film in the whole of the Province of Madras.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

O. PULLA REDDY

Secretary to Government.

To ~~the~~ all District Magistrates.
To the Commissioner of Police, Madras.
To the Superintendent Government Press for publication of the notification in the Fort St. George Gazette.
To the Director of Information and Publicity.
To the Honorary Secretary, South Indian Film Chamber of Commerce, Madras.
To the Inspector-General of Police, Madras.

/True copy/

Office Assistant,
Madras Record Office,Egmore.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Home Department.

Letter Ref: No.18496-G/48.2. Dated,the 28th April 1948

From

O. Pulla Reddy, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting,
NEW DELHI.

Sir,

Sub: CINEMATOGRAPH - Tamil film entitled "Burma Rani" - Ban - Removal.
Ref: Your letter No. 21/H/47-F dated the 15th January 1948.

I am directed to forward a copy of a letter from the Modern Theatres Ld., Salem, (Mis.3881Ø47-48 dated the 2nd March 1948) and to say that the Board of Film Censors, Madras, are of opinion that the Tamil film "Burma Rani" may be allowed to be exhibited with the excision of the incident where the Burma Rani touches the feet of the Poongi. I am to enclose a copy of their report and to enquire whether in the circumstances represented by the Modern Theatres Ltd., the Government of India have any objection to the film being re-certified as fit for public exhibition after excising the objectionable portion.pointed out by the Madras Board of Film Censors.

An early reply is requested.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/. Secretary.

No.21/4/47.F
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
New Delhi, the 6th May 1948.

From
M.A. Hussain Esq., I.C.S.,
Joint Secretary to the
Government of India.

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
Home Department,
Fort St.George,Madras.

Subject: CINEMATOGRAPH - Tamil film "Burma Rani" - Exhibition inSouth India

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.18496-G/48.2 dated the 28th April 1948, I am directed to say tht the Government of India have no objection to the film "Burma Rani" being recertified as fit for public exhibition after excising the objectionable features and making suitable alterations as offered by the Modern Theatres Ltd., Salem, in their letter No.3881/47.48 to your address.

2. I am to add that the Indian Embassy in Burma have advised that while agreeing to re-certification of the film, an assurance should be obtained from the company that they would not again attempt to have the film shown in Burma even after the necessary alterations have been made in the film. I am to request that this suggestion may be considered by the Government of ~~India~~ Madras.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Sd/.
for Jt.Secy. to the Govt. of Ind:

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Home ~~Abstract~~ Department.

Memorandum No.18496/48.3 dated the 15th May 1948.

Sub: CINEMATORGRAPH - Tamilfilm entitled "Burma Rani" or "Escape" - Re-certification.

Ref: 1. Letter from the Modern Theatres Ltd., Salem, No.2.Ms.~~3811~~3881/47-48 dated the 2nd March 1948.
2. From the Commissioner of Police, Madras, Rc.No.9464-E2/48 dated the 16th April 1948.
3. From the Government of India, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, No.21/4/47-F dated the 6th May 1948.

A copy of the letter from the Government of India in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting No.21/4/47-F dated the 6th May 1948 is forwarded to the President Board of Film Censors, Madras. He is requested to take stpes to re-certify the Tamil film entitled "Burma Rani" or "Escape" as suitable for public exhibition, after excising the objectionable features pointed out by the Madras Board of Film Censors and after making suitable alterations as offered by the Modern Theatres Ltd., Salem, in their letter No.Mis.3881/47-48 dated 2nd March 1948. He is also requested to obtain an assurance from Messrs. Modern Theatres Ltd. that they would not again attempt to have the film shown in Burma even after the necessary alterations have been made in the film.

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Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of Police, Madras.
Copy to Messrs. Modern Theatres Ltd., Salem.

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Office Assistant,
Madras Record Office, Egmore.